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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 6,107,799
- AB United States Patent No. 6,531,870
- AL European Application No. 0362931

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA corresponds to German OS 10,156,770 and Reference AB corresponds with German OS 19,722,481, which, together with reference AL were identified and discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the present Application. Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teaching of these references.

Reference AL also was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of the counterpart of the German Application.

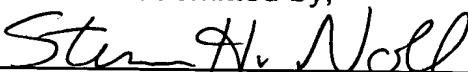
Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification constitute a summary of its teachings.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above-references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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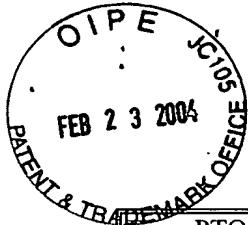
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